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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—236) **Pages S7741, S7768**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7808.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit:* Senators Lincoln (Chair), Leahy, Stabenow, Nelson (NE), Casey, Bennet, Cornyn, Cochran, McConnell, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology:* Senators Stabenow (Chair), Conrad, Nelson (NE), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Thune, Lugar, Roberts, Johanns, Grassley, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition, and Family Farms:* Senators Brown (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Lincoln, Stabenow, Casey, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support:* Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Conrad, Baucus, Lincoln, Brown, Roberts, Cochran, Johanns, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant & Animal Health:* Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Klobuchar, Johanns, Lugar, McConnell, and Roberts.

*Senators Harkin and Chambliss are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1274, to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other information from public disclosure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S.1451, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide for modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill entitled "SAFETEA-LU"; and

The nominations of Polly Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary, and Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman and Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, both of the Department of Transportation, Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

### FEDERAL LAND ASSISTANCE, MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 561 and H.R. 1404, bills to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, focusing on progress the agencies have made in managing wildland fires, after receiving testimony from Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and R. Max Peterson, former Chief, United States Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Patricia Dalton, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Leah MacSwords, Kentucky State Forester, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.

**CLEAN ENERGY JOBS, CLIMATE POLICIES, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy to examine state and local views on clean energy jobs, climate-related policies, and economic growth, after receiving testimony from Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., Denver; Washington Governor Chris Gregoire, Olympia; New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine, and Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, both of Trenton; North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, Bismarck; Arkansas State Representative John Lowery, El Dorado; Mayor Robert Kiss, Burlington, Vermont; and Mayor William D. Euille, Alexandria, Virginia.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles A. Ray, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Donald H. Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Earl M. Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Michael Battle, of Georgia, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Alfonso Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 81, supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mexico, Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalapally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Anne Elizabeth Derse, of Maryland, to be

Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Donald Sternoff Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Howard W. Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and David H. Thorne, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and global security, focusing on challenges, threats, and diplomatic opportunities, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Warner; Vice Admiral Lee F. Gunn, USN (Ret.), American Security Project, and Sharon Burke, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.; and Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, USN (Ret.), Center for Naval Analysis Advisory Board, Lexington Park, Maryland.

**SPECULATION IN THE WHEAT MARKET**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine speculation in the wheat market, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Thomas Coyle, National Grain and Feed Association, Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and Hayden Wands, American Bankers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Steven H. Strongin, Goldman, Sachs and Co., New York, New York; and Charles P. Carey, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

**EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine the current employment verification system, after receiving testimony from Representative Gutierrez; Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and James W. Ziglar, Migration Policy Institute, and Lynden Melmed, Berry Appleman & Leiden, LLP, both of Washington D.C.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.